

## ***CITY OF STIRLING, Western Australia***

### ***Highly Commended***

#### **Resource Recovery and Waste Management**

A High Commendation is given to the City of Stirling's waste management and resource recovery program. Stirling's program includes the usage of Single Bin Recycling, where the public is not required to separate recyclables, instead all waste are recycled at the resource recovery facility. Single Bin Recycling has reduced CO<sup>2</sup> emissions by 50,000 tons per year compared with two bin systems and has reduced landfill waste. The City's Recycling Centre in Balcatta was able to recycle 64.4tons of E-waste. The City also takes e-waste from other regions outside of the city free of charge. The City's School Battery Recycling Program collects and recycles dry cell batteries in schools, encouraging recovery and safe disposal.

#### **Winner of:**

#### **Environmental Innovation and Protection**

The Environmental Innovation and Protection Award recognizes achievement through innovation by community, government and business of practical actions associated with environmental protection and sustainability. The award highlights innovative principles and actions associated with developing sustainable communities and also recognizes protection of the natural environment focusing on the conservation of native flora and fauna.

This year the award is given to the City of Stirling for their innovative approach to environmental management which combines planning, community engagement education and on-ground action.

The Water Smart Parks Strategy together with the Urban Bushland Conservation Strategy aims to reduce water use, power consumption and environmental impacts at the same time increase biodiversity and enhance remnant bushland. The program manages part lands and open spaces as designated ecozones and hydrozones. The program has delivered significant reductions in water use. It is integrated with the Million Trees Initiative, a city program intending to plant 100,000 trees per year over 10 years by 2020.

Another innovative program of the city is the Clubs Forever Go Green. The city is assisting 450 sports clubs and community groups in implementing small, yet significant, environmental impact reduction plans including water, waste and paper, and carbon footprint and energy reduction.